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the G. O. prohibiting the appointment of undergraduate clerks as Inspectors of Police, either direct or through the Commissioner of Police;

(*b*) who were the memorialists;

(*c*) what were the recommendations of the Commissioner in the case of each;

(*d*) whether his recommendations were based on those of the District Superintendents of Police who forwarded them to the Commissioner in all cases;

(*e*) if he has differed in any case, his reasons for adopting a different principle in regard to some; and

(*f*) the respective dates on which he received each of the memorials and the dates on which he forwarded them to the Government?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Messrs. S. Nuhukhan, clerk, Police Commissioner's office; P. Krishna Pillai, clerk, District Police Office, Trivandrum; V. Sankara Pillai, Head Accountant, District Police office, Kottayam K. S. Arunachalam Pillai, clerk, Traffic Superintendent's office, Trivandrum; T. Oomman Tharakan and K. N. Viswakarma, clerks, District Police office, Kottayam.

(*c*) The recommendations made by Heads of Departments are treated as confidential and cannot be disclosed.

(*d*) and (*e*) These questions do not arise in view of answer to part (*c*).

(*f*)

Name of clerk.	Date of receipt by the Commissioner.	Date of despatch to Government.
1 Mr. S. Nuhukhan	10-4-1933	1-5-1933
2 Mr. P. Krishna Pillai	11-4-1933	1-5-1933
3 Mr. V. Sankara Pillai	13-4-1933	18-9-1933
4 Mr. K. S. Arunachalam Pillai	4-5-1933	8-5-1933
5 Mr. T. Oomman Tharakan	1-7-1933	10-7-1933
6 Mr. K. N. Viswakarma	29-8-1933	4-10-1933

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know what was the final order on these memorials?

PRESIDENT: This supplementary question goes beyond the purview of the rules.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): I rise to a point of order. I wish to know whether a member who proposes to answer on behalf of Government has the power to say that an answer is confidential or not unless the Chair rules it so.

PRESIDENT: The member gives the answer on the authority of the Government; and if the Chair finds that the answer is not proper, the Chair can rule that the information must be furnished.

Export duty on cocoanut products.

153. ***MR. M. N. NAIR** (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state the earliest date on which export duty on copra and cocoanuts was first levied in Travancore?

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): This information is not available.

Export duty on cocoanut products.

154. ❋MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether export duty on cocoanuts and copra is levied as a fiscal measure or for revenue purposes?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Partly for revenue purposes and partly for affording protection to the cocoanut oil industry in the State.

The Krishnanvaga community and Government service.

155. ❋ MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalpatam II*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of members of the Krishnanvaga community in Government service, separately for each department?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government do not propose to call for the information required by the member as the time and labour involved are out of all proportion to its possible utility.

Village Panchayat Court at Edappalli.

156. ❋ MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any representation for opening a Village Panchayat Court at Edappalli:

(*b*) whether the Law's Delays Commissioner has received any representation in the matter; and

(*c*) if so, what the decision is?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government have no information.

(*c*) The High Court who were consulted in the matter expressed the opinion that a Village Panchayat Court at Edappalli was unnecessary. Government accepted the opinion of the High Court.

Recruitment of Police Inspectors.

157. ❋ MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the principle adopted in the recruitment of Police Inspectors; and

(*b*) the percentage of promotions—

(1) from the lower ranks of the Police; and

(2) from the clerical establishment or ministerial staff?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) The rule is that 75 per cent. of the Inspectors' posts should be filled up by recruitment of graduates, the remaining 25 per cent. being reserved for promotion by selection of deserving men from the rank of Head Constables.

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